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ernment in the matter for which the departmental inquiry referred to in the answer to question No. 16 (c) of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1103 was conducted?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar was suspended for 3 months, reduced to Rs. 60 grade and barred from promotion for one year. He was also ordered to pay Rs. 30, the value of stamps to be accounted for by him.

Articles in the Depot of the Tramway Department.

200. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state what are the existing articles in the depot stores of the Tramway Department and what is their value;

(2) are there any articles missing;

(3) if so, what are they and what is their value?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) A statement showing the various items with their value is placed on the Council Table.

(2) No.

(3) No answer is required in view of the reply to (2) above.

Sale of timber and their rates.

201. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of (1) teak (2) ebony and (3) rosewood sold by the Conservator of Forests for prices (a) of Rs. 10 or more per candy up to Rs. 15 (b) less than Rs. 10 per candy for the years 1101, 1102 and 1103?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—

Rs. 10 or more up to Rs. 15.

	<i>Teak.</i>	<i>Rosewood.</i>
1101	917—23—17—3½	64—13—12—13¾
1102	3,577—10—7—11½	58—21—2—6½
1103	4,322—7—9—1¼	53—3—19—7½

Less than Rs. 10.

1101	216—11—0—10¼	16—15—13—14
1102	814—21—4—15½	32—9—5—1½
1103	2,210—14—2—3¾	10—10—22—1

There were no sales of ebony at the above rates in the above three years.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was the rate which was realised when the timber was sold by auction at Chalakkudi during the last auction? May I know what was the price realised with regard to rosewood?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There were different rates.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What were the minimum and the maximum or the average?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The minimum was about Rs. 33 per candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So the minimum was Rs. 33, and then what was the maximum?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The maximum was Rs. 73 per candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—With regard to teak what were the minimum and the maximum?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The maximum for teak was Rs. 41 per candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—And the minimum?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I think it was Rs. 27 and odd.

Sale of rosewood to Mr. Mugaseth.

202. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether 2,000 candies of rosewood have been sold to Mr. Mugaseth by private negotiation in 1103 without tender or public auction;

(2) if so, (a) the date of the same, (b) the measurement, (c) classification list of the logs and (d) the rates per candy for the different sizes;

(3) what measurement was considered topling in this contract;

(4) when were these transported to Ernakulam to Mr. Mugaseth's premises;

(5) whether there were departmental passes issued for the same; and if so, when;

(6) (a) who are the officers on the way who have to check these passes; (b) whether they checked these logs and (c) if so, how the checking is done;

(7) (a) whether any red passes have been issued for these logs; (b) if so, by whom and (c) when and (d) why was this deviation from the *Forest Code* made in this case;

(8) (a) what is the amount paid towards the contract, and (b) what is the balance, if any, due under this contract to the Forest and Tramway Departments until the last day of Karkadagam 1103?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Yes, but not in 1103.

(2) (a) 20th April 1926.

(b) & (c). Copies of the lists giving the particulars are placed on the Council Table.

(d) Rs. 18 per candy for logs and Rs. 10 per candy for toplings.

(3) Under 14 *vannams*.

(4) In 1102 and 1103.